Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

I. Introduction

1. The Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons held its second session from 28 April to 9 May 2008 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva further to the decision taken at its first session (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/22, para. 11 (a)). The session was chaired by Volodymyr Yelchenko (Ukraine) in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at its first session (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/22, para. 8).

2. At the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on 28 April, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Sergio Duarte, delivered a statement.

3. The following 106 States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons participated in the work of the Preparatory Committee at its second session: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

4. The list of the delegations to the Preparatory Committee, including States parties, specialized agencies and international and regional intergovernmental

organizations, and non-governmental organizations, is contained in document NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/INF.6.

5. The Preparatory Committee held 14 meetings, of which summary records were provided for the opening meeting (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/SR.1), the general debate (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/SR.1-3 and 5) and the closing meeting (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/SR.14). The summary records are issued separately as an annex to the present report.

6. Thomas Markram, Senior Political Officer, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee. Tariq Rauf, Head, Verification and Security Policy Coordination, Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), represented the Agency.

II. Substantive and procedural issues

A. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee

7. The Committee continued to conduct its work on the basis of the agenda adopted at its first session (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.I/15), as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the Chairman.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. General debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee.
5. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
6. Preparatory work for the review of the operation of the Treaty in accordance with article VIII, paragraph 3, of the Treaty, in particular, consideration of principles, objectives and ways to promote the full implementation of the Treaty, as well as its universality, including specific matters of substance related to the implementation of the Treaty and decisions 1 and 2, as well as the resolution on the Middle East, adopted in 1995, and the outcomes of the 1975, 1985, 2000 and 2005 Review Conferences, including developments affecting the operation and purpose of the Treaty, and thereby considering approaches and measures to realize its purpose, reaffirming the need for full compliance with the Treaty.*
7. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee:
   (a) Election of officers;
   (b) Dates and venues for further sessions;

* The Committee decided that it understood the reference in the agenda to "reaffirming the need for full compliance with the Treaty" to mean that it would consider compliance with all the provisions of the Treaty.

(c) Methods of work:

(i) Decision-making;

(ii) Participation;

(iii) Working languages;

(iv) Records and documents.

8. Report on the results of the session to the next session of the Preparatory Committee.

9. Organization of the 2010 Review Conference:

(a) Dates and venue;

(b) Draft rules of procedure;

(c) Election of the President and other officers;

(d) Appointment of the Secretary-General;

(e) Provisional agenda;

(f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee;

(g) Background documentation;

(h) Final document(s).

10. Adoption of the final report and recommendations of the Preparatory Committee to the Review Conference.

11. Any other matters.

8. At its 1st meeting, on 28 April 2008, the Committee took note of the indicative timetable for its second session (NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/INF.2).

9. In the course of discussions on agenda item 7 on the organization of work of the Preparatory Committee, the following decisions were taken.

(a) Election of officers

10. At its 12th meeting, on 6 May 2008, the Committee decided to elect Boniface Guwa Chidyausiki of Zimbabwe as Chairman of its third session (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1).

(b) Dates and venues for further sessions

11. At its 12th meeting, on 6 May 2008, the Committee decided to hold its third session in New York from 4 to 15 May 2009 (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1).

(c) Methods of work

(ii) Participation

12. Pursuant to the relevant rules of procedure and the decision taken at its first session, the Committee, at its 1st meeting, on 28 April 2008, took note of requests from specialized agencies, international and regional intergovernmental

organizations, and non-governmental organizations to attend its meetings as observers.

13. Accordingly, representatives of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the European Commission and the League of Arab States attended the meetings of the Committee as observers, other than those designated as closed meetings.

14. Furthermore, representatives of 64 non-governmental organizations (see NPT/CONF.2005/PC.II/INF.4/Rev.1) attended the meetings of the Committee, other than those designated as closed meetings.

(iv) Records and documents

15. The Committee set aside four meetings for a general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee, in the course of which 47 statements were made. Furthermore, in accordance with the decision adopted at its first session, the Committee invited the representatives of the League of Arab States and the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials to make statements at the end of the general debate. The statements are reflected in the summary records of those meetings (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/SR.1-3 and 5).

16. At its 4th meeting, on 29 April, the Committee heard the statements of representatives of 15 non-governmental organizations.

17. The Committee held a total of nine meetings for a substantive discussion under agenda item 6.

18. The discussion was structured according to an indicative timetable (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/INF.3 and Rev.1 and 2), which provided equal time for the consideration of three clusters of issues and three specific blocs of issues.

19. The Committee considered the following three clusters of issues based on the allocation of items to the main committees of the 2005 Review Conference (see NPT/CONF.2005/DEC.1):

(a) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security;

(b) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, safeguards and nuclear-weapon-free zones;

(c) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II.

20. The Committee considered the following three specific blocs of issues:

(a) Nuclear disarmament and security assurances;

(b) Regional issues, including with respect to the Middle East and the implementation of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East;

(c) Other provisions of the Treaty, including article X.

21. At the 5th meeting of the Committee, on 30 April, the Chairman, noting the practice followed during the previous sessions of the Preparatory Committee aimed at promoting an interactive debate, proposed that while discussions would generally be guided by the list of speakers, at the same time he would encourage delegations to make comments after a statement or proposal, as appropriate. The Committee concurred with the Chairman's proposal.

B. Organization of the 2010 Review Conference

22. The Preparatory Committee, in conformity with its task of preparing for the 2010 Review Conference, considered issues contained in agenda item 9. It took the following actions.

(a) Dates and venue

23. At its 12th meeting, on 6 May 2008, the Committee decided to hold the Review Conference in New York from 26 April to 21 May 2010 (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1).

(d) Appointment of the Secretary-General

24. At its 12th meeting, on 6 May 2008, the Committee decided to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the members of the Preparatory Committee, to nominate an official to act as provisional Secretary-General for the 2010 Review Conference, a nomination which would later be confirmed by the Conference itself (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1).

(f) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee

25. In response to the request made by the Committee at its first session, the Secretariat provided the Committee with an estimate of the costs of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, including its Preparatory Committee (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/1).

26. At its 12th meeting, on 6 May 2008, the Committee:

(a) Took note of the estimated costs of the 2010 Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/1) and expressed its understanding that the workload statistics of the second session of the Preparatory Committee would determine whether the cost estimates contained in either annex I or annex II would be used as the basis for requests for advance payments for both the third session of the Preparatory Committee and the 2010 Review Conference, and agreed that assessed and outstanding dues must be paid in proper time;

(b) In order to promote greater financial transparency and accountability, and taking into account the practice of multilateral and other organizations, requested the Secretary-General to provide a financial report to the Review Conference and each session of its Preparatory Committee to be circulated as an official document (see NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1).

C. Documentation

27. During the session, the following documents were before the Committee:

NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/1	Estimated cost of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/2	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/3	Steps to promote the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/4	Implementation of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament": report submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/5	Steps to promote the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: report submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/6	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/7	Implementation of article VI: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/8	Implementation of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Australia
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/9	Steps to promote the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: report submitted by Australia

NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/10	Implementation of article VI and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Romania
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/11 and Corr.1	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/12	Implementation of article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Norway
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.1	Nuclear-weapon-free zones: working paper submitted by Mongolia
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.2	Implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.3	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.4	The issue of non-compliance with articles I, III, IV and VI: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.5	Nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.6	Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.7	Cluster 2: Non-Proliferation and Safeguards "towards the strengthening of the IAEA safeguards system and the universal application of the Additional Protocol": working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.8	Cluster 3: peaceful uses of nuclear energy and Japan's experience: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.9	Disarmament and non-proliferation education: working paper submitted by Japan

NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.10	Cluster 1: nuclear disarmament: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.11	Perspectives on issues related to withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: bolstering the benefits of the Treaty regime to prevent withdrawal: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.12	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (compliance and verification): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.13	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (physical protection and illicit trafficking): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.14	Article V, article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12: comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.15	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (export controls): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.16	Article III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5 (approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)

NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.17	Article III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5 (nuclear safety): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.18	Article III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5 (cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy): working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden (Vienna Group of 10)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.19	Substantive issues on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.20	Establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East: working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.21	Creating a new momentum for a fissile material cut-off treaty: working paper submitted by Germany
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.22	Working towards a successful 2010 Review Conference: working paper submitted by Germany
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.23	Nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties: working paper submitted by Slovenia on behalf of the European Union
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.24	Other provisions of the Treaty, including article X: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.25	Negative security assurances: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.26	New Agenda Coalition paper: submitted by New Zealand on behalf of Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden as members of the New Agenda Coalition

NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.27	Compliance and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.28	Non-proliferation: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.29	Article X: withdrawal: working paper submitted by the Republic of Korea
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.30	Challenges to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.31	Cluster I: Article VII: working paper submitted by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.32	To ensure access to nuclear fuel supply and enrichment services — Multilateral Enrichment Sanctuary Project: working paper submitted by Germany
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.33	Non-proliferation and the Middle East: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.34	Compliance with the provisions of the Treaty: working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.35	Commitment of the United States of America to the Treaty: international cooperation on nuclear power: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.36	Preparing for a successful Review Conference 2010: working paper submitted by Ukraine
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.37	Procedures in relation to exports of nuclear materials and certain categories of equipment and material in relation to article III (2) of the Treaty: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and

	Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee and Costa Rica, Cyprus, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta and New Zealand as additional co-sponsors
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.38	Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the Treaty review process: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.39	Financing the Treaty review process: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.40	Nuclear power development: meeting the world's energy needs and fulfilling article IV: working paper submitted by Canada, Estonia, France, Republic of Korea, Poland, Romania, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.41	Expanding international civil nuclear cooperation: working paper presented by France, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.42	Deterring and responding to withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by Treaty violators: working paper presented by the Republic of Korea and the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/WP.43	Chairman's working paper
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/DEC.1	Decisions adopted by the Committee
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/CRP.1	Draft decisions on the organization of work of the Preparatory Committee and the 2010 Review Conference (decisions 1 to 3)
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NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/CRP.3	Revised draft decisions on the organization of work of the Preparatory Committee and the 2010 Review Conference (decisions 1 to 3)
NPT/CONF.2010/PC.II/CRP.4	Draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session
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Annex

Summary records of the second session of the Preparatory Committee

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